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SUBJECT:US PARTICIPATION IN EXPERTS MEETING ON MDW

REF: GENEVA 1114

1. IN REGARD TO US PARTICIPATION IN EXPERTS MEETING ON MDW

SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 14-15, YOU SHOULD TELL SOVIET REP THAT THE US IS PREPARED TO SEND ONE OR TWO EXPERTS FROM WASHINGTON TO PARTICIPATE. HOWEVER, YOU SHOULD MAKE CLEAR THAT PENDING FURTHER SOVIET ELABORATION OF THEIR PROPOSAL AND ADDITIONAL US GOVERNMENT ANALYSIS WE ARE NOT PREPARED TO CONSIDER MOVING TOWARD WORKING OUT SPECIFIC PROVISIONS OF AN MDW AGREEMENT AS SUGGESTED IN NON-PAPER HANDED ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN BY VORONTSOV FEBRUARY 10.

2. FYI. (TO BE DRAWN ON IN CONSULTATIONS WITH ALLIES) OUR CONCERNS WITH THE SOVIET PROPOSAL CENTER ON THE POSSIBILITY THAT MDW COULD CAST DOUBT IN SOME QUARTERS ON THE VALIDITY OF THE BW AND ENMOD CONVENTIONS WHICH, IN OUR VIEW, COVER FUTURE AS WELL AS PRESENT MASS DESTRUCTION WEAPONS IN THEIR RESPECTIVE CATEGORIES. THIS CONCERN ALSO MIGHT APPLY TO A FUTURE CW UNDERSTANDING. OUR BELIEF IS THAT THE MOST EFFICACIOUS WAY OF ELIMINATING WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION IS TO ADDRESS EACHTYPE OF WEAPON SEPARATELY TAKING INTO

ACCOUNT ITS UNIQUE CHARACTERISTICS AND SPECIAL PROBLEMS OF VERIFICATION. THUS FAR WE HAVE NOT GOTTEN A CLEAR ENOUGH PICTURE OF WHAT AN MDW AGREEMENT IS DESIGNED TO COVER. WE ARE THEREFORE PLACING OUR PRINCIPAL EFFORT ON ARMS CONTROL CONSIDERATIONS WHOSE CONCEPTS AND PROBLEMS ARE BETTER UNDERSTOOD, PARTICULARLY SALT AND CTB TO WHICH THE USSR ALSO GIVES HIGH PRIORITY.

3. WITH THESE CONSIDERATIONS IN MIND THE US EXPERT WILL BE PREPARED TO GIVE CAREFUL CONSIDERATION TO THE FURTHER
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ELABORATION OF THE MDW CONCEPT BY SOVIET EXPERTS IN GENEVA.

4. YOU SHOULD ALSO CONVEY TO INTERESTED ALLIED DELEGATIONS, ON A CONFIDENTIAL BASIS AND PRIOR TO DISCUSSIONS WITH SOVIET DEL, THAT THE US POSITION HAS NOT CHANGED ON MDW. RATHER, WE SEE SOME POLITICAL ADVANTAGES IN REFRAINING FROM BOYCOTTING MDW EXPERTS MEETING WHILE MAINTAINING OUR POSITION ON THE SUBSTANCE OF THE MDW PROPOSAL. END FYI.

5. FOR USNATO. YOU SHOULD TAKE FIRST OPPORTUNITY TO INFORM ALLIES OF OUR DECISION TO SEND EXPERT TO MDW TALKS EMPHASIZING THAT THIS IN NO WAY CHANGES OUR ATTITUDE TOWARD THE MDW PROPOSAL AS OUTLINED IN PARA 2 THROUGH 4 ABOVE.
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